

three of this act. It shall be the duty of boards of school directors to cause to be established a permanent record system, containing ratings for each professional employe employed within the district. Copies of all ratings for the year shall be transmitted to the professional employe upon his or her request, or, if any rating during the year is unsatisfactory, a copy of same shall be transmitted to the professional employe concerned. No professional employe shall be dismissed under this act unless such rating records have been kept on file by the board of school directors: Provided, That boards of school directors in districts under supervision of the county superintendent may establish a filing system for rating cards in the office of the county superintendent of schools.

(b) In cases in which suspensions are to be made, professional employes shall be retained on the basis of seniority rights, acquired within the school district of current employment, where no differences in rating are found. Seniority rights shall also prevail where there is no substantial difference in rating. In cases where there are substantial differences in rating of those under consideration for suspension, seniority shall be given consideration in accordance with principles and standards of weighting incorporated in the rating cards.

(c) No suspended employe shall be prevented from engaging in other occupation during the period of such suspension. Suspended professional employes shall be reinstated in the inverse order of their suspension. No new appointment shall be made while there are suspended professional employes available, who are properly certified to fill such vacancies.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one.

Act effective
July 1, 1951.

APPROVED—The 10th day of August, A. D. 1951.

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No. 260

AN ACT

To amend section 901 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by providing for authorization by county conventions of activities and services to be administered by county boards of school directors.

"Public School
Code of 1949."

Section 901, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
amended.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 901 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 901. Annual Conventions and Special Meetings.—The school directors, in every county having a county superintendent of public schools, shall annually be called together at the county-seat or some other suitable place within the county, by the county superintendent of public schools. The purpose of such annual conventions shall be the consideration and the discussion, by the school directors and others, of questions and subjects pertaining to the welfare and promotion of the public schools in their respective counties, and such other business as may properly come before such conventions. In addition hereto, the county superintendent of public schools may call together the school directors within the county at the county-seat, or some other suitable place within the county designated by the county superintendent of public schools when any emergency may exist, or when, in the opinion of the county superintendent of public schools, a special meeting should be called for the consideration and discussion by the school directors and others of questions and subjects pertaining to the welfare and promotion of the public schools or their interests in their respective districts, or counties, and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

The convention shall have power, at the annual convention or at any special meeting, to pass on and approve activities and services to be provided, administered and supervised by the county board of school directors, and to authorize the same by a majority vote of those present.

Such action shall not be taken unless the secretary of each school board under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent has been advised at least forty (40) days previous to the convention or meeting at which such action is to be considered.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one.

Act effective
July 1, 1951.

APPROVED—The 10th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE